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1. WITH RAPID DEVELOPEMENT OF COMMERCIAL TIES BETWEEN IRAQ AND UNITED STATES AND TERMINATION OF IRAQI MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST KURDS, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD EASE UP SOMEWHAT ON OUR POLICY OF PROHIBITING SALES OF MILITARY AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT TO IRAQ. BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR INTERESTS TO REDUCE GOI DEPENDENCE ON SOVIET BLOC FOR SUCH ITEMS AND THEREBY REDUCE SOVIET BLOC LEVERAGE IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA WHERE SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN INFLUENCE REMAIN STRONG.

2. USINT IS NO POSITION TO JUDGE RELATIVE SOPHISTICATION OF NIGHT VISION DEVICES COVERED BY SALES CASE 9768, BUT WE WOULD FAVOUR APPROVAL OF CASE UNLESS THESE DEVICES EMBODY SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO IRAQ OR TO SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES FROM OTHER SOURCES.

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